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1. WITH APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY (OCCASIONED BY
PREOCCUPATION WITH STRASBOURG AND BRUSSELS MEETINGS),
FCO HAS PROVIDED US WITH BRIEFING ON MARCH 14-16
MEETING OF EC CSCE WORKING GROUP. AS IN CASE CITED
REFTEL, OUR FCO INTERLOCUTORS MAY HAVE BEEN MORE FRANK
AND FORTHCOMING THAN THEIR EC PARTNERS ARE AWARE, AND
WE URGE THAT THIS INFORMATION BE STRICTLY PROTECTED.

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2. MAIN TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WAS FORMAT OF BELGRADE
IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW. AS NOTED REFTEL, BRITISH CSCE
EXPERTS WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER "HIBBERT COMPROMISE"
(OPEN PLENARY/CLOSED PLENARY/OPEN PLENARY), AND THIS
DISENCHANTMENT WAS SHARED BY OTHER EXPERTS. AFTER
CONSIDERABLE PULLING AND TUGGING, A REFINED COMPROMISE
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES WAS WORKED OUT:

A. OPEN PLENARY LASTING ABOUT ONE WEEK,
DEVOTED TO SPEECHES BY ALL SIGNATORIES;
B. CLOSED PLENARY TO DISCUSS EVALUATION;
C. CLOSED COMMISSIONS DEVOTED TO DETAILED
DISCUSSIONS OF EVALUATION AND NEW PROPOSALS;
D. OPEN PLENARY WHICH WILL DRAFT REPORT AND
BE DEVOTED TO CLOSING SPEECHES.

3. THIS FORMAT, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE EC
POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR MARCH 29-30 MEETING, IS
BY NO MEANS IN ITS FINAL FORM, NOR HAS IT BEEN RECEIVED
WITH UNANIMOUS ENTHUSIASM BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORKING
GROUP. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BELGIANS AND DANES ARE
NOT PLEASED WITH THIS COMPROMISE, AND THE FRENCH AND
DUTCH ARE STILL HOPING THAT MOST SUBSTANTIVE WORK
CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE OPEN PLENARY SESSIONS.
ON THE BRITISH SIDE, THE REFINED COMPROMISE WAS SENT UP
TO HIBBERT ON MARCH 18, AND THE CSCE DESK IS STILL
AWAITING HIS REACTION.

4. OUR SOURCES NOTE THAT AMONG THE DETAILS STILL TO BE
WORKED OUT ARE THE DURATIONS OF THE CLOSED PLENARY AND
COMMISSION SESSIONS. THE BRITISH, SUPPORTED BY THE FRG,
SUGGEST ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR THE FORMER AND ABOUT SIX
WEEKS FOR THE LATTER. THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF
WHETHER TO BEGIN THE COMMISSION SESSIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY
AT THE END OF THE CLOSED PLENARY, OR WHETHER TO PEEL
THEM OFF ONE BY ONE AS THEIR BASKETS ARE DISPOSED OF IN
PLENARY.

5. THE WORKING GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED SPECIFIC NEW
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PROPOSALS AND A JOINT POSITION ON "INFORMATION THEMES"
(I.E., PRESS POLICY AND GUIDANCE), BOTH OF WHICH TOPICS
WERE TABLED AT THE MARCH 22-23 REINFORCED POLADS
MEETING IN BRUSSELS AS UK NATIONAL PROPOSALS.

6. FINALLY, THE WORKING GROUP HASTILY DRAFTED AN EC
RESPONSE TO ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK ON THE
SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL. THE PRESSURE FOR THIS
RESPONSE WAS GENERATED BY EC AWARENESS THAT A MORE
DETAILED SOVIET SECOND PROPOSAL WAS IMMINENT (GENEVA
2024 - NOTAL). WE ASSUME THE TEXT OF THE EC MESSAGE
TO STANOVNIK IS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT, USNATO,
USEC, AND GENEVA, BUT CAN OBTAIN COPIES IF DESIRED.

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